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PIVOT STRUCTURE THAT FACILIATES THE RAPID

FORMATION OF PIVOT COUPLINGS

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO FINAL **OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON APRIL 22, 2004**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.